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2 KCK RESIDENTS SENTENCED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Kan., residents were sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to possess and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Jasen Byers, 29, and **Quasheana L. Bradley**, 25, both of Kansas City, Kan., were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning. **Byers** was sentenced to 12 years and six months in federal prison without parole and **Bradley** was sentenced to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 12, 2004, **Byers** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

On Feb. 5, 2004, **Bradley** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine and illegal possession of phencyclidine (PCP) with intent to distribute.

By pleading guilty, the co-defendants admitted to participating in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine between April 8, 2003, and May 6, 2003, in Kansas City. **Bradley** assisted **Byers** in the sale of crack cocaine, Graves said, by helping with deliveries and commonly hiding the crack cocaine on her person if stopped by police. At the time of her arrest, **Bradley** also had PCP in her possession, Graves said.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 14, 2003, in Kansas City. That indictment was later replaced by a superseding indictment that was returned on July 9, 2003.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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